



## Historic Designations in Connecticut

### National Historic Landmarks (NHL)

- Properties of national significance (“properties of exceptional value to the nation”)
- Reviewed by National Park Service, NHL staff
- Requires consent from majority (> 50%) of private property owners
- <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalhistoriclandmarks>
- Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966: Public Law 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470 (codified at 36 CFR 65)
- 2,500+ NHLs in the U.S.; more than 60 in CT

### National Register of Historic Places (NR)

- Properties of local, state, or national significance
- Reviewed by CT State Historic Preservation Review Board & National Park Service NR staff
- Requires consent from majority (> 50%) of private property owners
- <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister>
- Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966: Public Law 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470 (codified at 36 CFR 60)
- 93,000 listings nationwide and 1,921 in CT (encompassing more than 51,000 properties)

### State Register of Historic Places (SR)

- Properties of local or state significance
- Reviewed by Connecticut Historic Preservation Council
- Does not currently require owner consent
- See: <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Services/Historic-Preservation>
- CGS Ch. 177 Section 10-321
- More than 75,000 listed properties

### Local Historic Districts & Properties (LHD/LHP)

- Local level significance
- Designated by town historic commission
- Requires 2/3 owner consent and involves ballots
- See: <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Services/Historic-Preservation>
- Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-147a et seq., towns may establish historic districts and historic properties for which exterior architectural changes are reviewed by local preservation commissions. Procedures for the establishment of historic districts are located in CGS 7-147b.
- Since 1959, 126 historic districts including 8,128 buildings and 92 individual historic properties have been designated in 72 towns throughout the state.